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1. A survey party of six Soviets /¹ army personnel /¹, two Japanese and seven Chinese, carrying scientific equipment, departed from Wukunoorh (119-18, 49-09) on 29 October 1947 in a southerly direction. A similar group, consisting of eighteen Soviets, six Chinese and two guides, left on 19 November for the Naminshan (120-00, 50-00) timber area. The latter group was armed with rifles.

2. In mid-October 1947 a Soviet Strategic Land Survey Corps, consisting of seven teams and later enlarged to include nineteen teams, entered Manchuria. Equipped with radios and surveying instruments and wearing black uniforms similar to those of Chinese Communist railroad bureau employees, these teams furnished maps and information on areas including eastern Kirin province, Mutanchiang (129-35, 44-36), Chaoyangchuan (129-23, 42-52), Hunchun (130-22, 42-52) and Tumen (129-50, 42-57). On 4 January 1948 the Survey Corps turned over 700 maps to the USSR Consulate in Harbin.

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